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In the Application of:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT - CPA**

Dear Sir:

In response to the second and Final Office action, having a mailing date of January 30, 2001, and the subsequent Advisory Action, having a mailing date of May 29, 2001, Applicants respectfully submit the following Preliminary Amendment in conjunction with the enclosed Continued Prosecution Application. A Petition for a two-month extension of time and requisite fee are included extending the date of response to June 30, 2001. In view of the following amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicants note that the reference "Cancer Vaccines: Novel Approaches and New Promise", Minev, B., et al., *Pharmacol. Ther.*, Vol. 81, No. 2, pp. 121-139, 1999 and Exhibits A-D were previously submitted in the Amendment and Reply filed 30 April 2001, and therefore should be of record. Rather than inundate the Examiner with additional copies, only a representative cover sheet of those documents have been included with the Preliminary Amendment. Should the examiner require additional copies, Applicants will gladly furnish them upon request.

Kindly amend the subject application as follows: